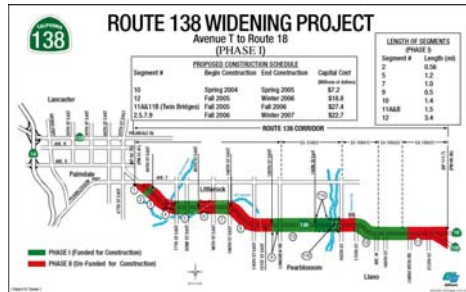


PROJECT TITLE

ROUTE 138 WIDENING PROJECT

Insert Location Map Below:



Project EA: 127231 PPNO: 3327

Project Location: Route 138, near Pearblossom, from 96th Street East to 106th Street East

Co/Rte/KP/PM: LA-138-PM 56.2/57.2

Project Description: Widen conventional highway

Project Scope: This project proposes to widen this portion of Route 138 from 2 to 4 lanes with a median turn lane and standard width shoulders, in order to increase capacity and improve safety

Existing Funding: IIP: \$ 1,547,000
RIP: \$6,411,000 (GF)
Other: \$0

Future Funding Need: \$0

Total Estimated Cost: \$7,958,000 (includes Support Costs)

Project Schedule: July 2008-December 2009

PROJECT INFORMATION

Background:

Route 138 is a major east-west Inter-Regional Route in North Los Angeles County and is increasingly used by autos, recreational vehicles and trucks alike to bypass the Los Angeles basin on the way to Las Vegas and points east. Route 138, from Avenue T in the City of Palmdale to junction with Route 18 in Llano, has been designated as a Corridor. This Corridor has been divided into several Segments, each of which is a separate project. Not all Segments (projects) are programmed. There are 7 Segments (projects) which are programmed in "Phase I". This project is one of the programmed Segments which proposes to widen Route 138 from 2 to 4 lanes with a median turn lane and standard width shoulders.

Project Need:

This area of Antelope Valley is one of the fastest growing areas in Los Angeles County. In addition, Route 138, between Route 14 in the West and I-15 in the East, has been designated as a Safety Corridor. Although minor improvements have been made, addition of 2 lanes will improve mobility and enhance safety.

Project Purpose:

This project will serve to relieve congestion and enhance safety along the Route 138 Corridor.

The Project benefits include :

- The existing facility consists of one lane of travel in each direction. The new facility will provide for two lanes of travel in each direction as well as a median lane and standard width shoulders which will improve safety

- The additional lanes will increase capacity
- More vehicles will be able to use Route 138 as a by-pass route, thus relieving the congestion on such freeways as I-5, I-10 and I-15